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Dear Sir:

The Official Action mailed April 6, 2004, has been received and its contents carefully noted. Filed concurrently herewith is a *Request for Two Month Extension of Time*, which extends the shortened statutory period for response to September 6, 2004. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that this response is being timely filed.

Claims 1-35 are pending in the present reissue application, of which claims 1, 4, 10, 14, 16, 18, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32 and 34 are independent. For the reasons set forth in detail below, the present reissue application should be allowed. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

The subject U.S. Patent No. 6,180,991 issued on January 30, 2001, from application Serial No. 08/426,235, filed on April 21, 1995. In the '235 application, a *Terminal Disclaimer* was filed at the beginning of prosecution on November 27, 1996, which disclaimed the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted that would extend beyond an issued patent commonly assigned to the assignees of the '235 application. During the course of prosecution, the claims of the '235 application were substantively amended on August 14, 1997, November 14, 1997, May 11, 1998, and